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LICENSED SPORT FISHERMEN TOTALED OVER 19 MILLION IN 1960

While the number of licensed sport fishermen is large, it does not accurately reflect the total number of persons who fish because many are not required to purchase a license to fish in certain places. According to the 1960 National Survey of Fishing and Hunting recently completed by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, the United States had 25,323,000 sport fishermen 12 years or older, but many were not licensed. These unlicensed fishermen include most of those who fished in salt water along the coasts, and others who are exempt from license requirements because of age, veteran's status, or other reasons.

Some State fish and game departments require sportsmen to purchase separate licenses, stamps, permits or tags for fishing for different kinds of fish or for fishing in different areas. Many States offer trip or short-term licenses good for from one to 15 days. Other States issue only one license which is legal for all types of fishing. In many States minors are not required to purchase fishing licenses. Only five States require a license to fish in marine waters. Thus, the total number of licenses issued does not reflect accurately the number of fishermen in some States.

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SUMMARY OF THE NUMBER OF PAID FISHING LICENSE HOLDERS,  
LICENSE SALES AND THE COST TO FISHERMEN  
FISCAL YEAR 1960

State	Paid Fishing License Holders <sup>1/</sup>	Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued	Total Fishing Licenses, Tags, Permits and Stamps Issued <sup>2/</sup>	Gross Cost to Fishermen
Alabama	374,161	496,869	24,524	521,393	\$ 788,825
Alaska	46,988	37,950	8,166	46,116	265,992
Arizona	202,644	244,947	23,249	268,196	756,479
Arkansas	409,058	257,016	152,042	409,058	1,046,068
California	1,348,205	3,127,557	315,086	3,442,643	6,153,591
Colorado	400,103	283,894	119,841	403,735	1,456,980
Connecticut	107,279	103,862	3,781	107,643	411,880
Delaware	12,136	11,598	1,174	12,772	23,474
Florida	519,982	366,385	180,520	546,905	1,112,177
Georgia	467,203	471,280	12,698	483,978	631,631
Hawaii	1,682	1,678	4	1,682	3,690
Idaho	233,802	160,305	82,655	242,960	965,323
Illinois	685,086	670,414	19,945	690,359	1,412,797
Indiana	770,251	735,687	34,808	770,495	1,025,967
Iowa	385,465	379,152	12,420	391,572	770,335
Kansas	237,761	233,306	4,455	237,761	266,448
Kentucky	339,832	325,026	18,499	343,525	1,112,384
Louisiana	178,371	155,074	24,746	179,820	248,774
Maine	225,343	150,754	76,429	227,183	756,093
Maryland	99,276	83,865	16,509	100,374	307,811
Massachusetts	202,975	198,051	5,561	203,612	745,758
Michigan	964,473	1,079,626	243,776	1,323,402	2,844,604
Minnesota	1,404,103	1,214,609	317,167	1,531,776	2,352,239
Mississippi	279,855	205,050	80,483	285,533	528,089
Missouri	661,670	699,959	102,639	802,598	2,129,884
Montana	242,957	193,244	45,608	238,852	465,953
Nebraska	199,054	217,668	19,308	236,976	477,861
Nevada	53,518	37,755	25,010	62,765	271,170
New Hampshire	127,955	76,468	51,524	127,992	394,592
New Jersey	150,955	232,830	11,631	244,461	599,827
New Mexico	142,419	97,444	47,741	145,185	551,135
New York	736,730	703,986	62,730	766,716	2,665,268
North Carolina	322,455	435,400	45,073	480,473	876,932
North Dakota	77,570	74,516	2,984	77,500	83,468
Ohio	811,838	792,024	20,195	812,219	1,665,993
Oklahoma	466,151	382,303	87,160	469,463	1,038,246
Oregon	338,464	516,272	19,281	535,553	1,405,487
Pennsylvania	611,955	603,860	26,783	630,643	2,215,262
Rhode Island	15,962	22,073	476	22,549	47,764
South Carolina	240,331	257,896	22,656	280,552	531,825
South Dakota	143,005	99,154	47,889	147,043	283,821
Tennessee	652,569	682,941	189,804	872,745	1,121,979
Texas	846,632	846,632 <sup>3/</sup>	- 0 - <sup>3/</sup>	846,632	1,820,258
Utah	185,678	184,601	15,656	200,257	567,005
Vermont	82,179	70,134	35,911	106,045	232,600
Virginia	354,314	540,325	5,782	546,107	707,184
Washington	370,964	354,694	16,338	371,032	1,591,390
West Virginia	161,048	245,253	11,714	256,967	563,255
Wisconsin	1,030,628	671,729	358,899	1,030,628	3,109,734
Wyoming	157,569	156,881	81,600	238,481	737,534
TOTALS	19,080,604	20,189,997	3,132,930	23,322,927	\$52,142,836

<sup>1/</sup> A paid license holder is one individual regardless of the number of licenses purchased.

Data certified by State fish and game departments.

<sup>2/</sup> Period covered not identical to period covered by certification for all States.

<sup>3/</sup> Same license issued to both residents and non-residents.

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